THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) National Commission for Women (NCW) has informed that there is no statistical data available to prove that Section 498-A of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) is being misused by women to harass their in-laws.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) In terms of Section 398-A of the IPC, if a person being the husband or the relative of the husband of a woman subjects her to cruelty, he can be held guilty of offence under the said Section. Subjecting the woman to cruelty at any time during the marriage is culpable under this Section.

Bill for protection of women from domestic violence

†2699. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
DR. VIJAY MALLYA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Bill giving legal protection to women against domestic violence be introduced;

(b) whether there have been any provisions to crack down on physical sexual, verbal and economic abuse on women;

(c) whether the Bill covers harassment by way of unlawful dowry demands; and

(d) the provisions made under the new legislation to give women rights to share household properties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) The Bill is proposed to be introduced in Lok Sabha in Monsoon Session, 2005.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Bill provides that notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, every woman in a domestic

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relationship shall have the right to reside in the shared household, whether or not she has any right, title or beneficial interest in the same. It is further provided that the aggrieved person shall not be evicted or excluded from the shared household or any part of it by the respondent save in accordance with the procedure established by law.

Grants to Voluntary Institutions

†2700. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:
DR. CHHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes under which grants are being given to the voluntary institutions;

(b) the details of the rules and procedure being followed to sanction the grant; and

(c) the amount sanctioned during the last three years, State-wise and the details of the beneficiary institutions, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The Ministry of Human Resource Development provide financial assistance to voluntary organization for educational activities throughout the country under its various schemes such as Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education, Quality Improvement in Schools, Information and Communication Technologies in Schools, Access with Equity in Schools, Integrated Education for Disabled Children (IEDC), Area Intensive and Madarsa Modernisation Programme (AIMMP), Development of Sanskrit, Scheme of Assistance for Studies, Seminars Evaluation etc. for implementation of Education Policy Scheme for Strengthening of Voluntary Organisations engaged in Promotion of UNESCO's programmes and activities, Scheme of assistance to the institutions of Higher Learning of All India Importance, Scheme of, Assistance for Strengthening Education in Human Values, Scheme of Book Promotional activities and Voluntary agencies,

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